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For: WEBBING RETRACTOR, WEBBING )  
RETRACTING METHOD, AND VEHICLE )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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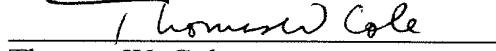
In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of the foreign documents cited is enclosed. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,526,996 corresponds to DE 43 14 883.

Applicants certify that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement. The references were cited in a European search report dated March 4, 2009 in a corresponding European patent application.

It is requested that the accompanying information disclosure statement be considered and made of record in the above-captioned application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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